

July 30/79 ^{displeased}

10 South St.

Park Lane W.

Sir.

I am stranger to you, but
not to "John Laurence" have
no excuse for addressing you
but to say. Thank you.

Thank you for your noble
letter about Lord Laurence,
in yesterday's Times

You knew him, you
know what we feel.

But you cannot know
how little he is known in
England.

Your contributions to his
history in the Mutiny is
precious beyond words,
it is priceless.

Could you not publish now,
soon, before the mass of

disappeared

people have forgotten him,
in the rush of the present
day, a sketch, no one
else can do it embodying what
your letter in the "Times"
gives a fragment of.

They are going to raise a
monument to him & I trust
this will be carried out
but yours will be the true
Monument.

Such a sketch without
pretending to be a life
as Chancery would have
written in a "Biographical
Essay".

But what an immeasurable
advantage ^{along Chancery} you have in

disappeared

being the sharer in those
great deeds of which you
write.

Even that short letter ^{of your} fine
deeds which will be handed
down to England's great great
grand children - to all time.

Let me say do not wait till
a Life can be written of
him - his name will

then have become history
like ----- but who was ^{the}

like him But we want it now ^{the}
Give us his

spirit in a sketch by you
of the deeds which inspired
& which you shared while
his name may still be made
one of England's & India's

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"good words" Household
words.

We do so want a hero & reverence - in these days of House of Commons squabbles - so petty - so un-heroic.

I knew him to us -
"His last great man" said
India now "adores."
I knew us that last great
man, that he may not
be the last while we
can still see "the chariot of
Israel & the horses thereof,"
which carried him away -
from us up into heaven.

Forgive me, I will not say more
the subject must speak for me

Florence Nightingale.

Arthur Brandreth.